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SUBJ: GOT REACTION TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION ON TURKISH
EMBARGO

1. I TALKED AUGUST 15 BY TELEPHONE WITH FONMIN'S PERSONAL
ADVISOR, OKTAY AKSOY, TO LET HIM KNOW THAT IF MINISTER
OR ANYONE ELSE WISHED TO DISCUSS CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION, I
WAS AVAILABLE. I ALSO ASKED WHAT ELEKDAG'S REACTION HAD
BEEN TO COMMITTEE LANGUAGE ON AMENDMENT. AKSOY SAID ELEKDAG
HAD REPORTED THAT AMENDMENT WAS "NOT BAD." HE ADDED THAT
ELEKDAG HAD SAID LATEST LANGUAGE LINKED GREECE WITH CYPRUS
SETTLEMENT BUT MINISTER DID NOT SEE HOW. I THEN EXPLAINED
THAT THIS CAME IN REQUIREMENT THAT PRESIDENT CERTIFY WHEN
REQUESTING SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE THAT GREECE
WAS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH IN PURSUING JUST SOLUTION TO CYPRUS
PROBLEM. REQUIREMENT WAS CLEAR. AKSOY SAID HE TOOK POINT
AND WOULD EXPLAIN IMMEDIATELY TO FONMIN. LATER HE CALLED
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BACK TO SAY "MODERATE" STATEMENT WAS BEING ISSUED AND HE DID
NOT THINK IT WOULD GIVE USG ANY PROBLEMS.

2. COMMENT: BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN FOREIGN MINISTRY
STATEMENT ON CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION(SEPTEL). STATEMENT
IS GENERALLY UPBEAT AND AS GOOD AS WE COULD HAVE HOPED GIVEN
STRONG GOT WISH FOR SENATE RATHER THAN HOUSE VERSION. WE ARE,

OF COURSE, STRESSING POSITIVE ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND OTHERS, PARTICULARLY STATEMENT IN
EXPLANATORY LANGUAGE THAT THIS ACTION CLEARLY CONSTITUTES
DE FACTO REPEAL OF 620X. OUR INTERLOCUTORS, WHILE NOT STANDING
UP AND CHEERING, ACCEPT THIS AND FOR THE MOST PART SEEM
INCLINED TO BREATHE SIGH OF RELIEF THAT EMBARGO PROBLEM SEEMS
ABOUT TO BE PUT TO REST ALTHOUGH THEY CONSIDER SOME LANGUAGE
IN AMENDMENT AS TROUBLESOME.
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